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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1757

INFO AMCONSUL DURBAN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 4026

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, SHUM, SF

SUBJECT: THEO KOTZE FLEES SOUTH AFRICA

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM HIGHLY RELIABLE SOURCE THAT REVEREND THEO KOTZE, THE BANNED FORMER CAPE DIRECTOR OF THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE, HAS FLED HIS HOME IN CAPE TOWN AND SLIPPED OVER THE BORDER INTO BOTSWANA. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, KOTZE MADE SUCCESSFUL ESCAPE BID OVER JULY 15 WEEKEND AND INTENDS ON JOINING HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER IN LONDON BEFORE DECIDING WHERE TO GO IN THE FUTURE.

2. COMMENT: UNTIL RECENTLY, SAG HAS HAD TO COPE WITH STINGING CRITICISM FROM DONALD WOODS, THE LAST BANNED WHITE WHO SECRETLY LEFT THE COUNTRY. KOTZE, WELL CONNECTED WITH RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS ABROAD, CAN BE EXPECTED TO PLAY A SIMILAR CRITICAL ROLE IN COMING MONTHS.

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3. FOR GABORONE: KOTZE IS WELL KNOWN TO US AND FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARDS EMBASSY. IF KOTZE IS IN BOTSWANA AS OUR SOURCE REPORTS, HE MAY CALL AT EMBASSY, THOUGH HE WILL POSSIBLY BE EXERCISING CONSIDERABLE CAUTION AND PERHAPS PREFER NOT TO MAKE SUCH CONTACT.
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